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1. The motorized VP Bereitschaft "SF 1" is at 99 Seelenbinderstrasse, Berlin-Koepenick (N 53/Z 94)*. It is subordinate to the Berlin VP Headquarters.
2. The Bereitschaft has an authorized strength of one officer and 110 police, with 10 police employed as special drivers. The Bereitschaft is organized into four platoons, each of four groups, and one motor transport platoon.
3. The Bereitschaft is for special employment and is constantly available for missions assigned by the government of the German Democratic Republic. Its missions include the furnishing of escort personnel for the President and other key personalities of the German Democratic Republic and of the people's democracies on their trips in the Soviet Zone of Germany. When not on special assignment the personnel of the Bereitschaft undergo basic military training and political indoctrination.
4. Polizeirat Simson was identified as CO of the Bereitschaft, Kommissar Weiss as PK-Chef and Wachtmeister Weisse as SED (Socialist Unity Party) organizer.
5. Each man of the unit is armed with a 98 K carbine and an 08 pistol. Submachine guns are stored in the ordnance room and issued only for special missions.

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6. The unit has four new Opel trucks, four new Opel passenger cars, two eight-cylinder Horch escort cars and ten BMW motorcycles.

* Field Comment:

Believed to be a safety police unit rather than a Bereitschafts-polizei unit.

"SF 1" presumably stands for "Sonderformation 1" (special unit No. 1).

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